

Minutes of the meeting of the City of Elgin Budget Committee held on May 5, 1992 at the Elgin Community Center.

Budget Committee Members Present:

Bud Rogers, Clayton Breckon, Roger Owen, Rod Spikes, Berta Churchill, Kevin Cooper, Sharon Stover, Ralph Howell, Rick Smith, Jessie McDonald, Ethel Smith, Randy McKone.

Other persons present: Joe Garlitz, city recorder, Kyle Bohlen, and Kathleen Hurst.

Ethel Smith was elected chairperson by unanimous vote. Ralph Howell was appointed secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Smith at 7:05 pm.

The budget message was read by Joe Garlitz.

1. During the reading of the budget message, the issue of reducing water rates and transferring water system debt to property tax was discussed by the committee. No action was taken at this time.
2. Kyle Bohlen testified before the committee regarding his salary, asking for an increase and a greater differential between his pay and the assistant's pay.
3. Rod Spikes stated that Joe Garlitz' pay should be reviewed for a possible increase. No further discussion at this time.
4. Kathleen Hurst testified before the committee on behalf of the Elgin Ambulance to request that funds for training that were dropped from the budget be reinstated. Joe Garlitz explained that the funds had not been used in the past but money would be available for training.
5. Rod Spikes testified to the committee on behalf of the fire department. He indicated that the department needed to purchase two new air-pacs, at least one this year. The committee voted to put \$3500 in the budget under capital outlay.
6. The salary expense for a new librarian was discussed. The principal issue was retirement benefits. After discussion, it was decided that retirement benefits would not be offered to a new part-time employee.
7. After discussion, Sharon Stover moved for adjournment and setting of next meeting. Seconded by Jessie McDonald. Carried.
8. The next meeting was set for Wednesday, May 13, 1992 in the Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,